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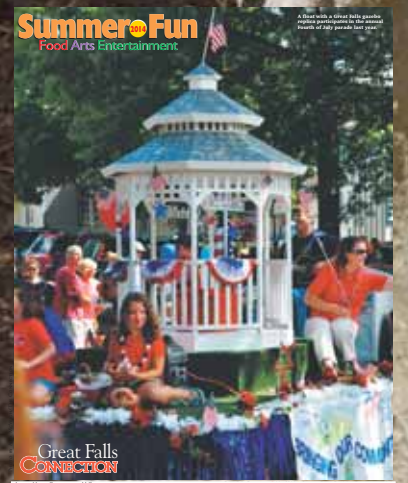
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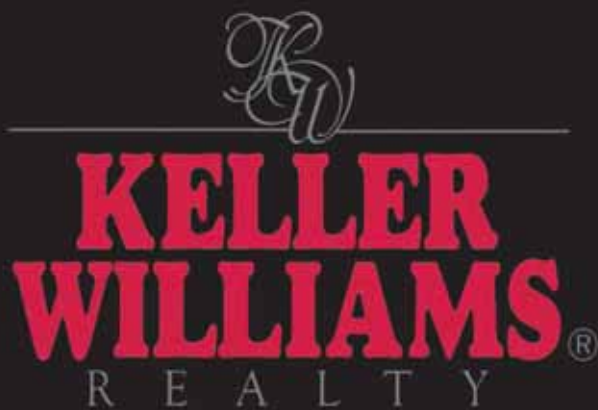
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U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), State Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31), Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) and Retired Lt. Col. Dominick Nargele listen to "Taps" as they lay the wreath at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Monday, May 26.



PHOTOS BY EMMA HARRIS/THE CONNECTION

Retired Lt. Col. Dominick Nargele delivers his keynote speech at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Monday, May 26.

Great Falls Honors the Fallen

Memorial Day ceremony held at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial.

BY EMMA HARRIS
THE CONNECTION

A brass bell rang 25 times Monday, each ring representing an individual of Great Falls who died serving, or in an attack on, America. The rings resonated through the Great Falls Freedom Memorial while Calvin Follin of Great Falls read their names during the Memorial Day ceremony to about 80 veterans and community members.

"Memorial Day gives us an opportunity to pay respect to the marines, soldiers, sailors and airmen who fought for our country and the American people so that this nation might live," said Retired Lt. Col. Dominick Nargele of the United States Marine Corps, the keynote speaker.

Nargele is a veteran of Vietnam and was also a Naval Representative of the U.S. Military Liaison to the Group of Soviet Forces in East Germany. Nargele was fired on by Soviet troops and detained six times during his tour.

Looking through American history and recalling the Battles of Trenton and Gettysburg, Iwo Jima and D-Day, "incredible bravery and courage were a common virtue" of American soldiers, Nargele said. "By working to make America better, we can make Memorial Day a daily activity of honor, caring and respect for our country, for our Bill of Rights, for our Constitution and our freedom from sea to shining sea."

After Nargele's speech and the name reading, State Senator Barbara Favola (D-31), U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), Virginia Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) and Lt. Col. Nargele laid a wreath by the memorial. Melissa Shuey, a student at Langley High School, played Taps on her trumpet. Then



Boy Scout Troop 55 and the Great Falls United Methodist Church choir stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Monday, May 26.



Boy Scout Troop 55 processes in to raise the flags from half-mast to full-mast at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial Monday, May 26.



Andy Wilson of Great Falls, president of the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, gives opening remarks to the Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 26.

Boy Scout Troop 55 raised the flags from half-mast to full-mast at noon.

"We all have busy lives, so the ceremony is for us to take time and appreciate our veterans' sacrifice," said Sara Hilgartner of Great Falls. A founding member of the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, she and her husband, veteran Pete Hilgartner, originally came up with the idea for the memorial in 2002.

"It is important to remember the veterans who gave their lives for this country," said Andy Wilson, president of Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, in his closing remarks. "Remember the stories. Tell the stories. Share the stories. We can never repay the debt we owe to our veterans, but we can assure the gratitude never ends. Keep their stories alive."

Great Falls resident Robin Dillon-Merrill, writes down her group's thoughts during a community meeting at Langley High School.



PHOTOS BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

Letting Them Sleep In

Residents crowd 'later school start time' meetings.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

The first week of Fairfax County Public Schools meetings on possible later school start times are over.

Dozens of parents, teachers and concerned citizens showed up at Langley High School district's community meeting May 20 to debate between four options laid out by the school district.

"Sleep is absolutely essential for health," said George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Science associate professor Dr. Daniel Lewin. "It is critical for productivity, safety and wellbeing."

The meeting began with a speech from him on the importance of sleep for students going through puberty and how it can impact everything from attendance rates to crash statistics.

"Weekend sleep does not make up for a loss of sleep during the weekdays," he said. "We're asking our teens to essentially fly to California for the weekend and fly back home by Monday for the start of the school week."

ACCORDING TO A SURVEY taken, he said only 6 percent of 10th grade students and 3 percent of 12th grade students got the allotted nine hours of sleep on a regular basis.

The options that were open for discussion were:

❖ Option one: To start high schools at 8:30 a.m. and end it at 3:20 p.m. Middle schools will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4:20 p.m. Elementary schools will start between 7:50 and 9:15 a.m. and end between 2:25 and 3:50 pm. Cost is approximated at \$7.6 million.

❖ Option two: To start high schools between 8:10 and 8:20 a.m. and end between 3 and 3:10 p.m. Middle schools will start at 7:20 a.m. and end at 2:15 p.m. Elementary schools will start at 7:45 a.m. and end at 2:20 p.m. Cost is approximated at \$4.7 million.

❖ Option three: To start high schools between 8 and 8:10 a.m. and end between 2:40 and 2:50 p.m.

Middle schools will start at 7:20 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Elementary school schedule will remain the same. Cost is approximated at \$5.6 million.

❖ Option four: High schools will start at 9:15 a.m. and end at 4:05 p.m. with the exception of one school that starts at 9 a.m. Middle schools will start between 8:20 and 8:30 a.m. and end between 3:10 to 3:50 p.m. Elementary schools will start between 7:40 and 9:15 a.m. and end between 2:20 and 3:50 p.m. Cost is approximated at \$2.8 million.

Parents sat in tables of seven or eight and listed pros and cons for each option - then decided on the option they felt best represented their table. At the end of the meeting, every table had a representative speak about what the table decided on.



Group Eight discussed the school start time options during the community meeting at Langley High School.

OPTIONS ONE AND FOUR were the most popular. Most groups decided that the middle two options were not good ideas.

However, it was not just parents that were included in the conversation. Teachers from Langley High School made sure their voice was heard. Science Department Chair Mary Landis was concerned about the students as well as teachers who lived outside of the area who would get home late every night if school ended later.

"For clubs at sports that start at 4 or 5 p.m., our students already don't get back until 8 or 9 p.m.," she said. "That's going to push it up two hours, so they'll get home at 11 p.m. or later."

She also said teachers may opt to work at other schools closer to their own home. Many teachers stay back for at least one hour - if not later if they coach a team or sponsor a club. Those who teach at Langley High School but live on the opposite end of the county would have to fight rush hour traffic on Georgetown Pike and the beltway for nearly an hour to get home.

However, a video from Superintendent Karen Garza showed that early start times was a strong possibility for all the schools.

"Time is needed for people to adapt to change," she said. "The goal in general is to do the greatest good for the greatest number of students."

Dates for additional community meetings can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/starttimes.shtml>.



PHOTO BY REENA SINGH/ THE CONNECTION

Dozens of community members went to the Tysons Corner open house at Spring Hill Elementary last week.

Visiting 'New Tysons'

Residents get a peek into the future at Tysons Open House.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

As Tysons Corner continues to develop, curious residents are starting to get a feel for its identity.

Fairfax County Park Authority hosted an open house at Spring Hill Elementary on May 19 to display what the urban center's cityscape - complete with green spaces and high rise buildings - could look like in the next five to 25 years.

The event is to allow the public to know what Tysons is becoming and what's to come," said county Public Information Officer Brian Worthy. "The process has been very transparent and we want to keep it that way."

About six developers, ranging from Capital One to Metrorail, set up stations around the school's cafeteria to answer any questions the 100+ visitors might have.

The county showcased what their plan for the green spaces might look like.

Barbara Byron, Director of the county Office of Community Revitalization felt that having stations rather than speeches would be more effective.

"We felt from the beginning that people had a lot of questions, but they all had different interests," she said.

Those interested in Capital One's new high rise building, for example, could head over to the company's Director for Workplace Solutions Chris Calhoun. However, he joked that many visitors asked him about a company he was not affiliated with.

"They wanted to know where the Wegman's will be," he said, laughing.

A pedestrian bridge will con-

nect the current headquarters building to the new one, which is scheduled to be occupied as soon as 2018. The number of stories in the 470 feet building is still to be determined.

Dittmar's space, on the other hand, will be primarily residential with a hotel component. The site, on Westpark Drive and Leesburg Pike, is 1/8th of a mile from one of the four upcoming metro stations in the area.

"We're here for community awareness," said Dittmar Project Manager Chris Brigham. "I think the key feature will be the neighborhood park, which features a play area, sports court and walkways."

McLean resident Kerstin Neighbour said a community cannot be built around high rise buildings and green spaces, however.

"I want to know where the elementary school for the Tysons children is going to be," she said. "I think all children should be able to walk to school."

She felt that Spring Hill Elementary, the school all three of her children attended - and walked to - will suffer overcrowding as more families move into the urban center.

"Communities should start with schools and libraries," she said.

Vienna resident Fred Skaer came to the open house out of curiosity rather than concern. He joked that he knew about Tysons Corner when it was just a gas station.

"I'm retired, so I'm not too concerned about transportation, but I'm eager to see one of the feeder buses come through my neighborhood," he said. "The main reason I came is because I know so much is happening in Tysons."



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The Fairfax Education Association appears before the board's budget decision.

School Board Passes Budget

Schools to cut out more than 700 positions countywide.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Schools' 2.5 billion budget passed during a six hour meeting Thursday.

The School Board approved the fiscal year 2015 budget 9-3 after debating through a list of amendments, approving a step increase for employees in November but cuts out more than 700 positions countywide.

Mount Vernon representative Dan Storck, Braddock District representative Megan McLaughlin and Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz opposed both the adjusted budget and the two amendments that passed during the meeting.

"We knew we were going to have to cut things that we cared about, and that \$97 million is full of things we cared about," said Hunter Mill representative Pat Hynes. "The money is not there. We have combed through our budget and it is not there."

Reductions totaling \$97 million represent not only employee positions, but also the reduction of \$3.9 million in health and retirement benefit costs.

THE BOARD also eliminated the fees for International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement exams, taking on the \$4 million burden in the budget. Some board members felt that money could have gone towards other line items, like more Head Start and pre-kindergarten classrooms than the two that were approved at the meeting.

Storck prefaced his vote hours earlier by stating he would not be able to approve a budget that had not gone through the democratic process. He felt the modifications presented after the county Board of Supervisors approved the school transfer did not represent the board's wishes.

He made a motion to divide the budget motion to allow board members to vote on each budget modification.

"The purpose of dividing the motion is for the board to approve of something rather than to accept it at default," he said.

However, the motion failed.

"If it takes until 5 a.m., I really don't care," said Schultz, who agreed with Storck. "That's what we were elected for."

She said that "if we didn't start from a place of principle, I don't think I'll be able to agree on the whole thing."

The two amendments that passed during the six-hour session included reducing funding for out-of-school support due to the savings projected by a partial in-school suspension position lost at Thomas Jefferson School of Science and Technology and increasing the staff reserves by 3.0 positions.

Fairfax Education Association president Kimberly Adams brought a group from the FEA during the public comment period to let the board know before they voted what teachers will face if compensation is kept low with the increasing demand on hours and students.

"This budget is definitely full of furious cuts," she said after the meeting. "When you cut 731 positions, you increase the workload for everyone else."

She noted that the money being spent to pay for IB and AP exams could have been spent on moving the step increase in pay to October rather than November.

ON THE COUNTY'S END, Adams said an \$11.5 million increase could have been "doable," and would have only cost taxpayers another half cent.

However, she was happy that there is already a proposed full step increase and 1 percent increase in cost of living wages on the table for the FY 2016 budget.

School Board Chair Ilryong Moon adjourned the meeting at 1 a.m. before the consent agenda could be voted on, due to the time. The items will be voted on at the next board meeting.

His comments echoed Adams' thoughts on hoping the county would have done more for the schools.

"We appreciate the Board of Supervisors' efforts to increase the transfer this year although we remain disappointed that the board did not fully fund our transfer request," he said in a press release. "We are committed to continuing the cooperative, collaborative process that was established during this budget cycle in future years."

Additional budget information can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2015.shtml>.

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OPINION

New Measure: More Living in Poverty

Many households living in poverty in our region, invisible to most of us most of the time.

Inside the Beltway, that is Alexandria, Arlington and parts of Fairfax, 32 percent of children are living in poverty or near poverty. In Fairfax County, 26 percent of children live in or near poverty.

This is according to the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

“While Northern Virginia counties and cities enjoy some of the highest median incomes in the nation, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows that the extent of economic deprivation in the region is significantly greater than suggested by official poverty statistics.”

Taking into consideration the high cost of

housing and other necessary goods, poverty rates for Northern Virginia residents are surprising. Inside the Beltway, the Virginia Poverty Measure showing a poverty rate of 12.3 percent, much higher than the official rate of 7.4 percent. In Fairfax, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows a poverty rate of nearly 10 percent (9.7 per-

cent).

In Fairfax, that's more than 100,000 individuals living in poverty.

But for the most part, the affluent residents in our area do not see any of this poverty. Our schools and neighborhoods are economically segregated.

When thinking about affordable housing, about funding for schools, about expanding health coverage, it's important to hold these numbers, these children, these families in mind.

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 15, and as in years past, The Connection will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

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COMMENTARY

A Moral Imperative

BY KENNETH R. “KEN” PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



Recently the New York Times editorial board wrote about the “health care showdown in Virginia.” Their comments were not favorable. “In Virginia, there are 400,000 low-income people who can't afford health care coverage but don't qualify for federal subsidies,” they wrote. “If they lived across the state line in Maryland, West Virginia or Kentucky, which have expanded their Medicaid programs, they could get the coverage they

need.” The reason they cannot; “a group of recalcitrant Republicans in the House of Delegates” have blocked Medicaid expansion at every opportunity.

Highly regarded retired editorial writer for the Virginia Pilot, Margaret Edds, wrote about the current impasse in Virginia two weeks ago. Drawing on her extensive command of Virginia's history, Edds points out that Virginia was the last state to join Social Security in the 1930s. She argues that there is a moral imperative that “we cannot afford to take this risk” of not expanding Medicaid. She writes that “design-

ing a health care system that embraces everyone is the right thing to do.” Reston resident, Elliot Wicks, in a recent letter to the editor makes the same argument that closing the coverage gap morally is the right thing to do.

In an unprecedented move, the Virginia Chapter of the American Association of Retired People (AARP) called a press conference to announce that letters sent by the Speaker of the House and other Republican lawmakers to their constituents over age 60 contained “inaccurate information about changes in Medicare.” These letters from Speaker Howell and other lawmakers im-

plied that expanding Medicaid in Virginia would hurt Medicare beneficiaries. “Expanding Medicaid to uninsured Virginians won't harm the Medicare program or its beneficiaries,” the AARP spokesperson said.

Revenues for the Commonwealth are expected to fall short of projection for this year by as much as \$300 million. Ironically, Virginia is losing \$5 million a day amounting now to three-fourths of a billion dollars paid by Virginians that could be returned to the state through Medicaid expansion. The money could not be used to balance the budget in the current year, but in future years more than \$200 million that Virginia pays for indigent care from its general tax revenue could be paid by Medicaid.

State and local chambers of commerce, medical and health care associations, and editorial boards of the major newspapers in the state have endorsed Medicaid expansion. A major compromise in the form of Marketplace Virginia, proposed by three Republican senators and endorsed by all Democratic legislators, has been introduced. The compromise proposed in Marketplace Virginia addresses the Republicans' stated concerns by including a provision to discontinue the program if the federal government reneges on its commitments. It is time for Republicans in the House of Delegates to agree to the compromise. Their insistence on separating Medicaid from the state budget is a costly stalling tactic that is hurting a large number of Virginians and threatens to hurt even more if the budget stalemate continues.



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A group of fourth and fifth grade girls helped to work on a rocket that will be given to the Great Falls Elementary Principal for Rocket Days.



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Up, Up and Away

Great Falls Elementary students prepare for Rocket Days.

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Next month, students at Great Falls Elementary will prove that rocket science has no age limit.

Each homeroom put together and decorated model rockets on the 20th and 21st for their third annual Rocket Days.

"A parent realized he had a passion for model rockets when he was a kid and thought it would be neat to start it," said Dawn Schnell, parent chairperson for Rocket Days. "Some of these rockets go 600 feet high."

The rockets are not going to take to the sky until June 10-13, but much of the legwork to prepare for the 40 models were done last week.

The students learned to put together their rockets and learned the difference between three models as a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) component, but used the left side of their brain the next day when they painted the rockets. Some students studded theirs with stickers. Others dusted them with bursts of glitter.

"We had multiple types of rockets to choose from," said fifth grade student Shibli Nomani. "In the big-

ger ones like this, a parachute will drop out because it's heavier."

He said bits of yellow were incorporated in the design because his class voted on that color. He wanted to make the rocket comic book themed to add a twist to his class's idea.

The sixth grade students have made a rocket for the principal as a class gift. Some of the fourth graders were helping to decorate a red, white, blue and orange model rocket this year for the busy sixth grade students.

Decorating was a reprieve from following complicated instructions on building models of a vehicle they have only seen in pictures or on the television.

"Some of it was confusing, but it was fun," said fourth grade student Rose Boos.

Sixth grade student Mark Mahdessian wanted to build a rocket like the ones he has seen on the news.

"I had a few stickers, so I wanted to have 'U.S.A' down the side like a traditional rocket," he said. "I like rockets and building stuff. I have a rocket set close to this one. It's cool when they launch."

The students also took the time to use their left-over glitter to create advertisements to place around the school building. Schnell said she is emailing parents their own invites.

The 40 rockets will be launched by grade. Fourth graders will launch on June 10, fifth graders will launch June 11 and sixth graders will launch on June 13 with the mornings being used to do experiments and study rocket flight. June 12 will be a rain date.



Left to right, top to bottom, parent Amy Augenblick works with fifth grade student Elizabeth Augenblick and fourth grade student Sophia Fox to create banners for Rocket Days.



Will Kiser, fifth grade, and Mark Mahdessian, sixth grade, show off their freshly decorated rockets.



PHOTOS BY ARCHIE BROWN

Jack Nutter, Member, Selection Committee, presents the Jean Tibbetts History Award to Carolyn C. Miller.

Honored for Contribution to Local History

Carolyn Cornwell Miller receives 2014 Jean Tibbetts History Award.

BY JACK NUTTER
GFHS TIBBETTS AWARD COMMITTEE

Carolyn Cornwell Miller is the recipient of the 2014 Jean Tibbetts History Award, presented at the Great Falls Historical Society's Annual Tibbetts Award Banquet and Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 14 at The Old Brogue. Jean Tibbetts, wife of Roland Tibbetts, died in 2004. Jean was a former president of the Great Falls Historical Society, a historical researcher, and author of "This Land at Cornwell Farm." In her memory, the Great Falls Historical Society established this award, which is accompanied by a stipend of \$200 from funds donated for this purpose.

Carolyn has an advantage over other local area researchers in having lived in this area from her early days - knowing the subject matter intimately. Carolyn grew up in Great Falls, then Forestville. Her family included the Cornwells of Cornwell Farm, the Cornwell Sawmill and the Cornwell Greenhouse, all on Georgetown Pike, and her family even lived in the Old Schoolhouse next to the Grange for a number of years.

Carolyn attended the Forestville brick schoolhouse where the fire department is now located and was in the last seventh grade class before the school moved to Walker Road



Carolyn Cornwell Miller, Jean Tibbetts History Award Honoree, 2014.

and the brick schoolhouse was torn down. She attended Herndon High School and was a member of the Great Falls United Methodist Church growing up.

Carolyn was also a member of the Junior Grange and a member and stockholder of the Great Falls Grange. She worked with her uncle Paul Cornwell of Cornwell's Greenhouse for 20 some years and, after it was sold, began a long career in real estate and mortgage financing.

HER FAMILY — intermarried with many early Great Falls families, as was the custom at the turn of the century — contributed to the community of their day. Her uncle, Henry

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Senior Center to Meet at River Bend Country Club

The Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) event for June 3 will be a luncheon hosted by River Bend Country Club. Lunch includes appetizer, entrée, and dessert choices with coffee or tea.

The June 3 event will be held at the River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations are limited, at a cost of \$30 per person (Tip and tax included). Call Deeda Calderazzo 703-759-4605 for information and reservations.

The event is being sponsored by Brightview Great Falls Senior Living. GFSC's mission is to enrich the lives of the community's seniors with stimulating and social networking opportunities. Membership is available for \$10.00 a year. Send check payable to GFSC (not tax deductible), P.O. Box 425, Great Falls, Virginia 22066 with name, mailing address, phone number and email address.

Fundraiser Supporting LiftMeUp!

A fundraiser for LiftMeUp! has been announced by HBC Realty Group's (Keller Williams Realty) Community Charity Champions. Come to dinner on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean to support LiftMeUp! Enjoy dinner and know that approximately 70 percent of the proceeds from food and drink will go to the charity, as long as the diner brings the flyer for the event. Contact HBC Realty Group at 703-734-0192 or visit www.HBCRealtyGroup.com to receive a flyer.

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Doris Carpenter Receives Great Falls Historical Society Award of Excellence

Doris Carpenter is the recipient of the Great Falls Historical Society Award of Excellence in recognition of her many years of dedicated service and unwavering commitment to the Great Falls Historical Society, awarded at their Annual Meeting last Wednesday, May 14 at The Old Brogue.

The GFHS 1997-1998 slate for Board of Directors described Carpenter, then a candidate for Corresponding Secretary, as follows: "A resident of Great Falls since January 1963. Mother of eight children. 4-H leader for a number of years, presently of the Fairfax County 4-H Association. Works part time, serves as treasurer of the Great Falls United Methodist Women, Colvin Run Citizens Association member, Wolf Trap Volunteer, Elections Officer, occasional helper at Thelma's Ice Cream Store. Hobbies are photography, genealogy, history, crafts and gardening."

Carpenter served as Corresponding Secretary that year, then Recording Secretary for the years 1998-1999, 2000-2001 - and with an exception here or there has been serving in that position ever since.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Doris Carpenter

Over the past 17 years she has served as an officer or board member of GFHS continually. When Carpenter worked at the Great Falls Library, she set up a system to keep local oral histories on file. Carpenter has been steadfast in purpose, constant and steady in action, never veering from her commitments or turning aside from the task at hand - whether showing up every Saturday morning to create a public presence for GFHS at the Great Falls Farmers Market; supervising the digitization of the GFHS photo collection - even though it took one year to accomplish; remaining a loyal to your friend, Thelma, providing research on mom and pop stories.

The community appreciates her exuberant personality - marching with the GFHS float at the 4th of July parade; creating the most crowd-pleasing entertainment on the showmobile at Great Falls Day 2013, and delighting little children with outdoor activities this year; and collecting Ghost Stories for Oktoberfest.

Carpenter is honored for her long and steady contribution to the Great Falls Historical Society.

History Award Presented

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Cornwell, for example, a tall red-haired schoolmaster, was the only schoolmaster of children from 5 to 16 years old for at least 25 years in the Forestville community, making a huge impression on local character and values.

Carolyn has been a proud holder of their legacy and seems to be related in some way to just about every historic family in town. However, Carolyn has eagerly passed her family story forward.

Carolyn has made a substantial contribution to the archives of the Great Falls Historical Society.

Carolyn has contributed to historic photo archives and donated historic artifacts. Carolyn has contributed to the Colvin Run Historic District intern research team as a mentor. Carolyn participated in numerous oral histories to convey the stories of all she knows about the Cornwell family and relatives in Great Falls.

Carolyn presented an expansive history of the Cornwell Family of Great Falls at the GFHS Program on Historic Families of Georgetown Pike, and assisted others with the Gunnells, Van Pattens and the Jacksons. Beyond that, she has assisted the Oliver's the Walkers, and others in their local family and historic property research. Carolyn provided an expansive display of the Cornwell

family at Great Falls Day 2013 and conducted exhaustive research on the Great Falls Grange that was presented at Great Falls Day 2014. The Cornwell family presentation has also been presented at the LiftMeUp Open House at Cornwell Farm this past spring.

Beyond GFHS, Carolyn has made noteworthy contributions to public online archives and has advanced the knowledge of people buried at local cemeteries.

Carolyn has shared her family story online at www.ancestry.com, uploading more than 2,000 historic photos onto the Cornwell file. Carolyn has assisted many users of www.ancestry.com in locating their relatives and has helped many people find their way in exploring their family tree - whether distant relatives or complete strangers.

CAROLYN, along with Ellen Walker of Walker Road, a cousin, scan local newspapers, and monitor obituaries posted at local funeral home websites on a weekly basis. Together, they upload the obituary to findagrave.com and Carolyn screens any available photos found in newspapers or the website postings and uploads them. Carolyn and Ellen found a concerning pattern that inspired them to take action: They found obituaries and death notices in the Washington Post that said that people were bur-

ied at Arnon Cemetery, however there were no tombstones to that effect. Carolyn and Ellen spent three days scanning all of records of Paul Turner and Marion Reid, former Trustees, to clarify the locations where specific individuals are located at Arnon Cemetery, contributing important information to their descendants, and the online community at www.findagrave.com and ancestry.com.

Carolyn's enthusiastic story-telling, exceptional and dogged research skills, and ability to dig in to get the facts correct plus her vivid memory of growing up in the Grange and in local schools in Great Falls, give Carolyn the ability to present the past with accuracy, presenting evidence of past connections for future generations to appreciate, and treasure. Carolyn has worked hard to bring a picture of life in Great Falls into sharp focus - important to all of us as a community in the process of continual change.

Since the first award in 2006, the Great Falls Historical Society has honored Milburn Sanders, Karen Washburn, Tanya Edwards Beauchamp, Naomi Whetzel, Bill Garrett, Connie and Mayo Stuntz, Marjorie Lundegard and Dave Bettwy. All of their names are inscribed on a plaque displayed in the Great Falls Library. Now, Carolyn Cornwell Miller's name has been added.

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THURSDAY/MAY 28-SATURDAY/MAY 31

Book Sales. Ongoing book sales at all libraries except George Mason, Tysons-Pimmit and Woodrow Wilson.

FRIDAY/MAY 30 - SUNDAY/JUNE 22

"Bat Boy: The Musical." Check website for times. 1st Stage Theatre in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. A musical comedy/horror spoof and satire on American prejudice featuring a half-boy, half-bat creature as the main character. Admission: \$15-\$32. <http://www.1stStageTysons.org/>. 703-854-1856.

FRIDAY/MAY 30

"Making a Comeback: Books That Move Us," a benefit for the Stroke Comeback Center. 12 - 2 p.m. Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The center is there for stroke survivors and wounded warriors after insurance for therapy ends - even though the patient is still regaining the ability to communicate. The non-profit Stroke Comeback Center operates on a sliding fee scale; no one is turned away for inability to pay. It is a safe, comfortable and effective place for an injured person to reclaim a good life. www.strokecomebackcenter.org

Vienna Summer Concerts on the Green. 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Featuring Bill Emerson and the Sweet Dixie Band - Bluegrass. Bring chairs and picnic blankets. For the complete summer schedule, visit <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=879>.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Salvador Dali: The Sculpture Collection Opening Premiere. 6-9 p.m. Wentworth Gallery, 1807 U. International Drive, McLean. Premiere event for renowned sculptures on exhibition and available for acquisition thru June 15. Free. RSVP at 703-833-0111.

Langley Varsity Baseball Team Vs. Alumni. 1 p.m. Nike Field 5. The 2014 Langley High School Varsity Baseball team coached by Kevin Healy takes on the Langley Alumni coached by Charlie Ayoub. Join us to recreate a little Great Falls community history dating back to the 1930s!

Maria Spearman (Tai-Chi and Stretch). 8-9 a.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. 703-288-9505.

The Grandsons (Mixed Rock). 5-7 p.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. 703-288-9505

Spring into Summer at Tysons West. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. 1500 Cornerside Blvd., Tysons. DJ music, sidewalk chalking, hopscotch, a Bounce House, Jump Bunch action, and playful activities for all. www.tysonswest.com

Bow Making Workshop. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills Street, Great Falls. Participants make their own bows from scratch. The cost is \$160 per person. Register online. For information, call 703-759-9018. <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov>

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 31-JUNE 1

Great Falls Spring Show and Sale. 9 a.m. Village Green behind the Old Brogue Irish Pub/Katie's, 760 Walker Rd., Great Falls. Discover and delight in original art, limited edition prints,



Head out to the Great Falls Spring Show and Sale this Saturday, May 31 through Sunday, June 1. Discover and delight in original art such as this image created by artist Robert Maclay, limited edition prints, note cards, wall hangings, wearable fiber creations, home décor and more - something quite special for the individual collector or a perfect gift for a friend, hostess, relative or teacher.

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SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Against the Current + King The Kid + Once Upon A Time. 2 p.m. Jammin'Java- Mei, 227 Maple Ave East, Vienna. The Current is a 5-piece pop band with a growing social media presence and their first EP on the horizon. \$10-\$15. 703-255-1566.

Amadeus Orchestra with Rachel Franklin, piano. 4 p.m. St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. There will be a pre-concert lecture 45 min. before the concert, with reception following the concert. \$30. Free for students 17 and under. 703-759-5334.

An Evening with Bobby Long. 7:30 p.m. Jammin'Java, 227 Maple Ave East, Vienna. A student of songcraft, England-born Bobby Long's reverence for American music runs deep, with influence ranging country to folk singers to modern day luminaries. \$15. 703-255-1566.

Vienna Summer Concerts on the Green. 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. Featuring Fat Chance - Rock. Bring chairs and picnic blankets. For the complete summer schedule, visit <http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=879>.

Tysons Farmers Market. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. NADA Campus- 8400 Westpark Drive & Greensboro Drive. Shop fresh produce in the Tysons area. Market takes place until Nov. 16.

Summer Concerts on the Green. 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Centre Green. Experience Mike Terpak and the sounds of Blues Explosion. <http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org/>

Annual Pet Blessing. 2 p.m. Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Each pet will receive a certificate and blessing and a small gift charm. For more information go to <http://www.antiochdoc.org/> or call 703-938-6753. The public and all pets and caregivers are invited to attend.

MONDAY/JUNE 2

The Hello Strangers and Zoe Muth and the Lost High Rollers. Jammin'Java, 227 Maple Ave East, Vienna. \$12.

Zoe Muth and the Lost High Rollers. 8 p.m. Jammin'Java, 227 Maple Ave East, Vienna. Muth brings us ten heartrending tales of the leaving and the left behind in her trademark style of infusing moments

of despair with hope and levity, channeling influences from classic country ballads to early folk-rock. \$12.

2014 Celebrate Great Falls Foundation Golf Tournament. 7:30 a.m. Hidden Creek Country Club, Reston. All proceeds of this year's tournament will go to our three local elementary schools - Great Falls, Forestville and Colvin Run Elementary. www.greatfallsgolf.org

TUESDAY/JUNE 3

Aaron & The Spell + Besides Daniel + JD Eicher. 8 pm. Jammin'Java, 227 Maple Ave East, Vienna. Aaron & The Spell's debut, Sing, includes a stunning mix of honeyed ballads and simmering soul. \$10-13. 703-255-1566.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5-SUNDAY JUNE 8

Celebrate Fairfax! Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest community-wide celebration, arrives June 6-8 to the Fairfax County Government Center. Twenty-five acres of vendors, exhibitors, rides, and nightly fireworks. 703-324-FAIR (3247) for all details.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6- SUNDAY JUNE 8

Disney's Beauty and the Beast. 2 and 8 pm. Wolf Trap- The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Rd, Vienna. "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There" and "If I Can't Love Her." \$22-\$80. 703-255-1900.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Applause Unlimited presents "The Magic of Hans Christian Andersen". 2 p.m. The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave, McLean. In this award-winning show two puppeteers combine their talents to present three Hans Christian Andersen's best loved stories with puppetry, masks and storytelling. Ages 4+. \$15. 703-790-0123.

SUNDAY/JUNE 8

A Rhapsodic Duo. 4 p.m. St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Pianist Thomas Pandolfi, known for his intensity and technical brilliance, along with cellist Doug Wolters, cellist of the Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra, present a variety of works for cello and piano. \$25. www.musicinmclean.org/2013-

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SPORTS

The Langley men's varsity 4 won a state championship. Pictured from left: coach Mike Lehmann, Liam Fitzmorris, Alex Kiess, coxswain Charlie Bavisotto, John Waugh, and Owen Shenk.



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Langley Crew Collecting State, National Accolades

Saxons experiencing record-breaking 2014 season.

Medals. Trophies. Championships. The Langley High School crew team just wrapped up a record-breaking 2014 season at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Championship regatta on the waters of Mercer Lake, N.J. Langley qualified six separate boats for this top regatta, three of which advanced to the semifinals, and two boats — the women's varsity four and the men's varsity four — fought through all the tough competition to the finals.

The Langley varsity women placed second in the nation, the first time that Langley has medaled at nationals. The varsity men's four, with a ferocious charge in the final meters of its semifinal, placed fourth in the nation, earning a place by less than a second. Langley's formidable lightweight men's four finished seventh in the nation.

At the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship Regatta (states) on the Occoquan River on May 10, the Langley boats brought home six separate state championships. The Langley men's varsity four, women's varsity four, men's lightweight four, men's junior varsity eight, women's junior varsity four, and the men's 2nd four all took home championship trophies. The men's team also picked up the coveted men's team trophy — another first for the Saxons.



The Langley women's varsity 4 finished second in the nation. Pictured from left: coxswain Sabrina Lamont, and rowers Meagan Fountain, Nirosha Beekhuysen, Stephanie Dubois, and Katie Robinson.

Langley's team is led by a talented group of coaches, including Ashley Leake, Josh Baum, Lindsey Churchill, Matt Fanny, Julie Sutliff, and head coach Mike Lehmann. Lehmann, who is a former U.S. Olympic team coxswain, will be leaving Langley to become the head crew coach for his alma mater, Notre Dame.

Langley Crew can be followed on Twitter, @LangleyCrew, and at langleycrew.com.

The Langley men's varsity four won finished fourth in the nation. Pictured are: Owen Shenk, John Waugh, Alex Kiess, Liam Fitzmorris, and coxswain Charlie Bavisotto.



SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Madison Baseball Beats Langley for Conference 6 Title

The Madison baseball team defeated Langley 3-0 on May 23 to win the Conference 6 championship.

Madison entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed. After receiving a first-round bye and an automatic region tournament berth, the Warhawks defeated Washington-Lee 6-0 in the semifinals on May 20 before blanking the Saxons in the final.

It's the second consecutive conference/district championship for Madison, which improved to 19-2 and has won 10 games in a row.

Langley entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed. The Saxons beat No. 6 Hayfield 7-1 in the quarterfinals on May 16 and defeated No. 7 McLean 5-2 in the semifinals on May 20 before falling to Madison. Langley's record is now 13-9.

Madison will host Herndon in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 30. Langley will host Westfield.

Madison Girls' Lax Beats Yorktown for Title

The Madison girls' lacrosse team cruised to a 17-2 victory over Yorktown on May 23 in the Conference 6 championship game. It was the Warhawks' fourth consecutive conference/district title.

Madison's Alex Condon was named conference Player of the Year, and Madison head coach Amanda Counts was named Coach of the Year. Rachel Brennan, Sigourney Heerink, Condon, Katie Kerrigan and Kierra Sweeney each received first-team honors.

Langley Boys' Lax Wins Conference 6

The Langley boys' lacrosse team defeated Yorktown 10-9 on May 23 in the Conference 6 championship game.

The Saxons have bounced back from a 5-5 start to win seven games in a row.

McLean Beats Madison for Conference 6 Softball Title

The McLean softball team edged Madison 6-5 to win the Conference 6 softball championship on May 23.

McLean improved to 21-2 and has won 16 games in a row.

South Lakes GK Vigen Named Conference 6 POY

South Lakes goalkeeper Sara Vigen was named Conference 6 girls' soccer Player of the Year.

South Lakes Track Teams Win Liberty Conference Championships

Multiple victories by junior Delaney Wickman and senior Danielle Hale, record performances by the girls' 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams and top-three finishes by senior Khayri Denny paced South Lakes High School to victories in the Conference 6 outdoor track and field championships May 20-21 at SLHS.

The South Lakes girls finished with 168 points, followed by Washington-Lee (127), McLean (64.50), James Madison (55), Fairfax (46), Langley (34.50), Hayfield (17) and Yorktown (15). The SLHS boys scored 175 points, out-pacing McLean and James Madison, who tied for second with 80 points. Langley scored 65 followed by Washington-Lee (62), Hayfield (28), Fairfax (24) and Yorktown (13).

The top six finishers in the individual events and the top three team in the relays qualify for the Northern Region Championship, scheduled for May 29-30 at James Robinson Secondary School.

The Seahawks dominated the girls' hurdle events with Devyn Jones winning the 100 meter hurdles in 15.8 and junior Maya Rodriguez finished second in 16.59. Rodriguez won the 300 meter hurdles (48.24) just ahead of teammate Claire Nieuwsma (48.26). Jones finished fifth in that race (49.55) and SLHS freshman Alivia Damper was sixth (50.22). Both Jones and Damper will compete in the 300 at region, giving SLHS four competitors in that event.



PHOTOS BY CHI PHAM

The Langley HS Orchestra will present its end-of-year concert, 'Out of This World,' on June 3.

Langley High Orchestra Travels 'Out of This World'

In a spectacular concert filled with space-inspired theme songs and music sparked by the solar system, the Langley HS Orchestra will present their end-of-year "Pops" concert on Tuesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. in the Langley HS Auditorium. During this unprecedented collaboration with the LHS science department, the orchestra will transport the audience "Out of This World" with music and special effects that have traveled through time.

Selections presented by Langley's four orchestras will include music from familiar movies such as "Star Wars," "Jurassic Park," and "E.T."

One of the orchestras will test the acoustical limits of the Langley HS Auditorium with "Jupiter," a movement from Gustav Holst's "The Planets." The senior musicians will continue the LHS Orchestra tradition of playing a "Senior Song" at the conclusion of the concert.



Dr. Scott McCormick conducts the Langley HS Orchestra.

This is the last orchestra concert in the LHS Auditorium, due to imminent renovations.

The concert is free and the public is invited.

Elementary and middle school students are encouraged to attend

so that they can see how exciting orchestral music can be at Langley HS. The concert will be conducted by Dr. Scott McCormick, Langley Orchestra Director, and Ms. Bo-Min Son, Freshman Orchestra and Cooper MS Orchestra Director.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Just as "everyone knows Geico can save you 15 percent in 15 minutes," that is, if you watch television, listen to radio, access the Internet or even sit on the beach at Ocean City and watch the single-engine planes flying by pulling banners; so too do people know that when your primary care physician tells you that you need to meet with an oncologist to discuss your recent medical results, you should bring along family, friends, advocates, doctors, lawyers, etc. (your presumptive "team"), because, well, you know why: your life may depend on it.

It's also common, anecdotal knowledge that the patient receiving the diagnosis (in my case, a cancer diagnosis), is likely not hearing as many words as they think they are hearing. Moreover, as much as the patient is listening and concentrating on what the doctor is saying, the shock of the words, especially after the "c" word is uttered, does something to your cognitive functioning. It doesn't exactly stop, but it's no longer working as efficiently. Hours later (or even minutes later, outside of the doctor's office), when you're reviewing and discussing – and attempting to digest the words/diagnosis/prognosis you just heard, and perhaps even consider the treatment protocols recommended and the likely dramatic change in your life/future (heck, present), it all becomes a blur and your memory is hardly what you remember. It's not a blank by any means, but neither is it as clear and concise as you expected it to be.

Having other/multiple sets of ears listening to the same advisory from your oncologist as you the patient hears returns some of the clarity that's missing from your own recollection. Generally speaking, in this environment, there is a need for some dispassionate perspective, and often the patient is way too connected – obviously, to process the information and be the least bit objective. Aside from this need for a team, there is also a need to capture and maybe even synthesize the information presented for future consideration. We didn't, but I've heard stories of patients who had team members with clipboard in hand taking notes and/or using recording devices for replays later. The collection and replay of information helps the patient be certain that what he thinks he heard (or what he's already forgotten) is either correct and/or not lost in the extremely stressful moment. Having an agreed-to sense of what your new reality is, what your treatment options are going forward, what the likely consequences of those options are, and quite frankly, what the likely outcome is for all of it, is a tremendous amount of information to keep together and in some kind of order when your brain has just been split apart (figuratively speaking) by words you thought you'd never hear: "cancer, terminal, inoperable" said in your direction.

Unfortunately, there's no real preparation or training for this kind of experience. As strong and as capable as you may think you are, a cancer diagnosis disrupts everything. At the initial meeting with your oncologist, what you hear and what you remember are not always the same. "Team" members can confirm what was said, and there's lots of comfort in that at a time when, somehow, some way, you need to be comfortable.

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Seth McNair of McLean, a student at Landon School in Bethesda, Md. will participate in the 2014 U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) Summer Seminar program. USNA invited a select group of approximately 2,550 young men and women from around the nation and abroad to attend the Naval Academy Summer Seminar program this year. Summer Seminar is a fast-paced leadership experience for rising seniors in high school. This program helps educate, motivate and prepare selected students who are considering applying for admission to USNA.

For more information about the Naval Academy, visit: www.usna.edu or the USNA Admissions Facebook page.

Ten Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students earned top 10 finishes at the DECA International Career Development Conference held recently in Atlanta.

The following FCPS students earned a top 10 finish at the national level:

- ♦ Paige Ahmed, Sophie Eaton, and Lauren Fisher of Robinson Secondary School, Learn and Earn Project.

- ♦ Conor Boyle and Emma Heiden of Marshall High School, Marketing Communications Team.

- ♦ Sydney Applegate and Mason Hawkins of Oakton High School, Hospitality Services Team.

- ♦ Michael Briody and Wes Hammerschmidt of Marshall High School, Buying and Merchandising Team.

- ♦ Claire Heiden of Marshall High School, Principles of Marketing.

A total of 37 FCPS students were recognized as finalists at the 2014 competition.

Longfellow Middle School students **Aaditya Singh, Franklyn Wang, and William Sun** have qualified to the United States of America Junior Mathematical Olympiad (USAJMO) 2014. The USAJMO is an invitation only competition where the MAA invites the top scoring 230 students (10th graders and below across the US) based on a combination of their performance in the AMC-10 and AIME competitions. See more at: http://www.maa.org/node/79/#USAMO

Courtney Cross, of Great Falls, graduated from Bishop O'Connell high school. She is a sophomore at Villanova University and was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2013.

Matthew Kent, of Vienna, was named to the Dean's List at Carnegie Mellon University for the fall semester of 2013.

Aline Dolinh, 15, is a sophomore at Oakton High School in Vienna and has been appointed as the National Student Poet by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. Dolinh will participate in readings and workshops at libraries, museums and schools in Virginia as well as create community service projects to expand their reach while increasing engagement in the literary arts.



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The Celebrate Great Falls float makes its way down Columbine Street during the annual Great Falls Fourth of July parade last year.



Atlas Road Crew, featuring Great Falls native Patrick Drohan, performs at the weekly Concert on the Green Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013.

Summer Events, Galore!

BY REENA SINGH
THE CONNECTION

Events throughout the summer will keep kids and adults alike from complaining of boredom this year. Celebrate Great Falls Foundation's popular annual events include weekly outdoor concerts, an old fashioned baseball game, golfing for charity and an all-day Independence Day celebration.

Best of all, all of the events are free of charge.

The outdoor summer concert series is every Sunday from June 1 to Aug. 17 on the Great Falls Village Green. Most of the shows run from 6 to 8 p.m.

"Bring a picnic and refreshments, and enjoy the Village Green at its finest," said CGF board member Michael Kearney.

That sums up the reason why CGF Director Erin Lobato likes the event.

"What's really lovely is families and couples come and set up lawn chairs and coolers," she said. "Some people bring dinner. It's just a good community event."

Many of the bands are local to the area. Others, like The Dusty 45s, travel as far as Oregon to play in town.

"The concerts themselves have probably been going on for 20 years," said Kearney. "Celebrate Great Falls actually took over the management of the concerts three years ago."

Another weekly event is one that is not just bound to summer. Katie's Cars and Coffee is every Sunday from 7 to 9 a.m. for car enthusiasts. Vintage cars, sports cars and project vehicles can be spotted every week in The Old Brogue's parking lot.

"It's for people that love cars," said Lobato.

The annual alumni versus Langley High Varsity baseball game on Saturday, May 31, starts at 2:30 p.m. at the Nike Field Five.

"It's very old-fashioned," said Lobato. "My understanding is that the tradition goes back to the 1930s."



A float with a Great Falls gazebo replica participates in the annual Fourth of July parade last year.

Snacks and music will be plentiful during the game.

"It's just a good, old-fashioned small town event," she said. "It's not a huge event. It's a way to keep the kids connected to the community that graduated from their school."

The charity golf tournament on June 2 will raise money for Colvin Run Elementary, Great Falls Elementary and Forestville Elementary.

The tournament is split between morning and afternoon shotgun rounds at Hidden Creek Country Club, Reston. The finalists will play each other in the afternoon before awards and a reception.

This year, money raised will fund an online math program for Forestville, an abundance of library books for Great Falls and updated iPads and laptops for Colvin Run.

"250 families participate now," said CGF golf tournament Chairman Tim Burke in a previous interview. "We raised about \$20,000 last year."

Events are jam-packed into the season.

Spaces are still open for those who want to compete. CGF is also looking for about 40 volunteers to help out over the course of the day.

More information about the event can be found at <http://www.GreatFallsGolf.org>.

The big news that many locals still don't know about, said Kearney, is that there will be no local fireworks at this year's Independence Day celebration.

"Half of the town doesn't really realize it," he said. "No one has a clue. They're all going to show up and there will be no fireworks."

He said that other than a rained out event recently, he cannot remember when an in-town organization did not host the fireworks show.

"The organizing group, due to health issue, due to a lack of volunteers, can't do it," he said.

As will previous years, the day will start at 8 a.m. with the Great Falls Freedom Memorial 5k run/walk. The Little Patriot Parade will commence at 9 a.m. and the main parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the village center. Refreshments and music will also be available.

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Rosslyn Summer Film Festival. 8-10 p.m. Gateway Park. Enjoy work and office-themed movies, including *Horrible Bosses* and *Office Space*, Fridays in Rosslyn. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 31
Spring into Summer. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tysons West, 1500 Cornerside Blvd., Tysons Corner. Activities for all ages, plus goodies, sidewalk chalk, hopscotch, and a bouncy house. Bring bikes for donation to Bikes for the World. Free. Rain or shine. 703-476-9377.

Vintage VA Winefest Bus Trip. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Clyde's, Reston Town Center, 11905 Market St., Reston. Hop on the All-Inclusive Vintage VA Winefest Bus, including VIP admission ticket, amenities and souvenirs. \$49.99+. Call 703-251-4800.

SATURDAY/MAY 31- SUNDAY/JUNE 1
Great Tastes of Tysons. 1-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, at the Tysons Corner Metro Stop (between Tysons Corner Mall and the Galleria). Enjoy a festival of all sorts of food. Visit www.tastetysons.com for more.

Vintage Wine and Food Festival. Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainment and more. Visit www.vintagevirginia.com for more.

Clifton, Tournaments for Turf: Moonlight Madness. 6 p.m. Braddock Park, Braddock Road, Clifton. All night (begins 6 p.m., Sunday, May 31 and wraps up Sunday morning), co-ed adult softball extravaganza includes three-game, 55-minute game guarantee. \$275-\$300. Registration deadline: May 28. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/tournaments-for-turf or call 703-324-8759.

Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show & Sale. Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 790 Walker Road, Great Falls. Twenty-five Great Falls Studios member artists -

The F.E.C. Caporales Universitarios de San Simon provides a lively and energetic performance at the 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.



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When & Where

Celebrate Fairfax takes place Friday, June 6 - Sunday, June 8, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Friday, June 6: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, June 7: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday, June 8: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Visit <http://celebratefairfax.com/> for details.



Emma and Jack Carey with mom Tara Carey, of Centreville, meet one of the donkeys at the petting zoo at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.



Alex Childs, of Springfield, tests his agility in the midway game Wipeout at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival

Celebrate Fairfax

Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest community-wide celebration, takes place June 6-8 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Presented by Celebrate Fairfax, Inc, the annual festival hosts tens of thousands of visitors during the three-day run.

The 25-acre site is filled with more than 300 exhibitors, food vendors, crafters and interactive activities. Celebrate Fairfax! showcases live concerts on eight stages, ExxonMobil Children's Avenue, a petting zoo, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, carnival rides, and great festival foods. Another fun activity for children is the Inova Train Ride.

Nightly fireworks, presented by Leidos, are a highlight of the festival, and one of many great family programs. This year's Bud Light Main Stage features top national headline performers: The All American Rejects, Cheap Trick and The Huns.

For more information on any of the festival's programs, or to become a part of the festival as a volunteer, sponsor, performing artist, or simply to attend, visit <http://celebratefairfax.com/>, or contact the Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. office at 703-324-3247.

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Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and digital artwork. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html.

Once Upon a Time... (Costume Ball Fundraiser). 7:30-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The evening includes music, dancing, silent auction, food, and performances by cabaret vocalists. Costumes with a fairy-tale theme are not required for entry, but there will be door prizes for the most imaginative costumes. Admission is limited, so early reservations are strongly recommended. \$40. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

Become a Pilot Family Day and Aviation Display. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. National Air & Space Museum, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. See 50 visiting vintage, recreational, military, and homebuilt aircraft, on display outside the Center for one day only. Talk to pilots and find out what skills are needed to fly. Inside the Center, test your piloting skills in flight simulators, talk to aviation experts, and enjoy story time and hands-on activities with the kids. Visit <http://becomeapilot.si.edu>.

Father's Day Golf Tournament. Burke Lake Golf Center, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Teams of two compete in an 18-hole scramble format in three divisions: Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner. Closest to the pin contests. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all three divisions. Limited to first 48 teams. Registration begins two weeks prior to event. \$65/team. Fee due at time of registration, includes lunch. Call 703-323-1641.

SUNDAY/JUNE 15
Free Father's Day Museum Tours. 1-5 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Free for visiting fathers. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.visitalexandriava.com/calendar-of-events/summer.

Crystal Car: Father's Day Auto Festival. 2-6 p.m. 2121 Crystal Dr. Features sports cars, muscle cars, electric cars, a beer garden, and more. Free. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

Sully Antique Car Show. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Up to 400 cars on show field, restoration displays, tour the historic house, music and food, kid's tent, flea market, cars for sale. \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 per child. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

5th Annual Father's Day Pig Roast. 2 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Join us for our 5th annual Father's Day gourmet Cuban Lechugon Pig Roast. Call to RSVP 703-830-9463.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21
Clifton Wine Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Children's Park, 7140 Main St., Clifton. Visit historic Clifton, with wine, food, music and arts and crafts to make it a celebration. Rain or shine. Visit www.cliftonwine.com.

Strawberry Festival. 2 p.m. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Play croquet, savor strawberry ice cream and learn school lessons about MACHENS grove. Visit www.parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov

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As America's National Park for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap plays a valuable leadership role in both the local and national performing arts communities. A typical season at Wolf Trap includes theatre, and musical performances ranging from country to pop to orchestra. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road in Vienna, is accessible from the Metro and parking is free. Visit www.wolftrap.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-8
Disney's Beauty and the Beast. "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with an Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There" and "If I Can't Love Her." Tickets: \$22-\$80.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11
Trey McIntyre Project. 8:30 p.m. In their final DC performance, this inventive and bold contemporary ballet company performs to Queen's glam-rock stylings. Tickets: \$10-\$44.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12
Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band. 8 p.m. Celebrate an era with a band of rock 'n' roll virtuosos from the Beatles, Santana, Toto, and more. Tickets: \$35-\$65.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13
Il Volo. 8 p.m. Pop-opera trio of Italian teen heartthrobs combines soaring voices with playful charm. Tickets: \$30-\$65.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14
Louisiana Swamp Romp. 2 p.m. The Big Easy party is back! Dance to Louisiana's hottest Cajun, zydeco, and brass bands and jump in the second line parade. Tickets: \$30.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18
John Butler Trio. 7:30 p.m. There's nothing "Better Than" acoustically driven roots-rock and reggae ballads from heartfelt Australian multi-instrumentalists. Tickets: \$32-\$40.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19
Daryl Hall & John Oates. 8 p.m. Still making your dreams come true with unforgettable soul and rock anthems, these Rock and Roll Hall of Famers are the most successful pop duo of all time. Tickets: \$35-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20
Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. All your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including *Finding Nemo*, *Up*, *Toy Story*, and *Monsters, Inc.*, paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$30-\$58.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21
Grease Sing-A-Long. 8:30 p.m. Rev up your vocal chords for an ultimate summer night with the Rydell High gang and sing-a-long with the hits you're hopelessly devoted to as the original 1978 film is projected in-house and on the lawn with lyrics on screen. Tickets: \$25-\$38.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25
Ben Folds. 8:15 p.m. Front man of Ben Folds Five and judge of NBC's



Pixar in Concert: Watch all your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra June 20.

The Sing-Off showcases his new piano concerto and orchestral arrangements of pop hits with the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$25-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27
Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtimes (also on Sunday, June 29 and Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28
Beethoven's 9th. 8:15 p.m. Triumphant performance of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" masterpiece and more by preeminent singers and one of the world's leading orchestras in its only 2014 DC-area appearance. Tickets: \$25-\$65.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29
Diana Ross. 8 p.m. Motown's supreme legend has inspired generations of singers with an endless stream of No. 1 hits from "You Can't Hurry Love" to "I'm Coming Out." Tickets: \$35-\$60.
Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtimes (also on Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

TUESDAY/JULY 1
Pilobolus. 8:30 p.m. Wild creativity and daring, athletic modern dance. Tickets: \$10-\$48.
Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtime. New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

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SATURDAYS

Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for a list of vendors.

Clarendon Farmers Market. Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd, Arlington. Also year round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Reston Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 9. Named the best farmers market in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. www.restonfarmersmarket.com.

Oakton Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. www.smartmarkets.org/

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html.

Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center Street South, Vienna. www.viennafarmersmarket.com.

SUNDAYS

Clarendon Farmers Market. Year-round, has locally produced breads

The Open Air Market in the Lake Anne Plaza features artisans, global imports and health products



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and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Visit www.Clarendon.org. 703-812-8881.

McLean Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot of the National Automobile Dealers Association 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. www.smartmarkets.org/

Tyson's Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. www.tysonspartnership.org

TUESDAYS

The Crystal City FRESHFARM Market is open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St, Arlington. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

WEDNESDAYS

Reston Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston.

www.smartmarkets.org.

Frying Pan Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. www.farmersmarketfryingpan.nova-antiques.com.

THURSDAYS

Herndon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Nov. 13. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St, Herndon. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm

FRIDAYS

McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Nov. 21. Vendors include an orchard and winery company and specialty berry farm. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm for more.

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The Best of Broadway at Langley

'There's No Business Like Show Business!' for Langley Choirs.

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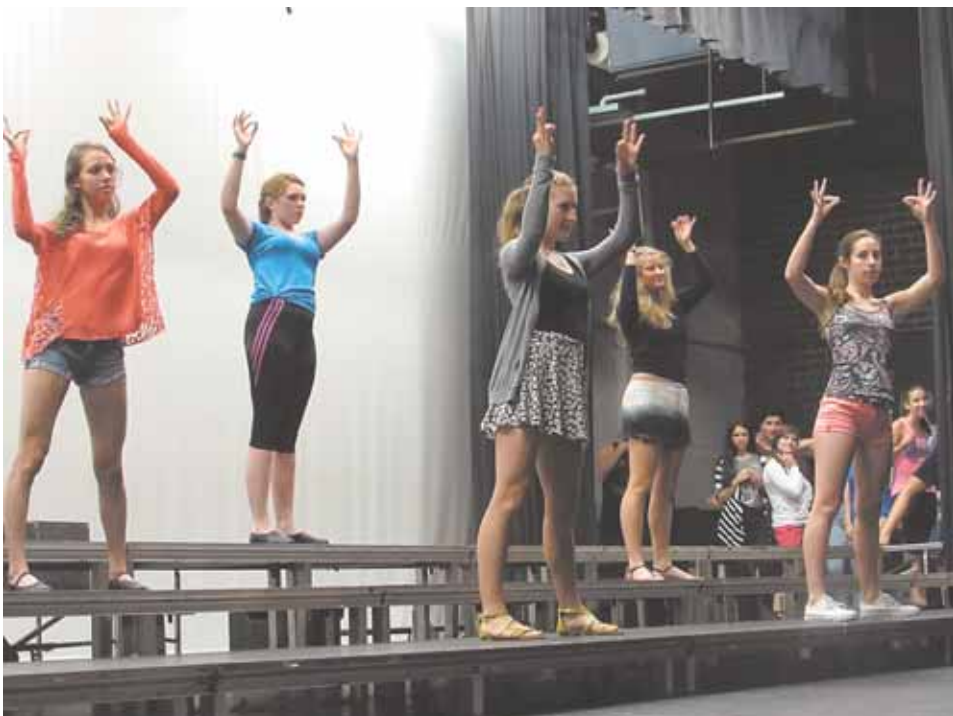
Get the best of Broadway and your favorite classics with Langley High School's Spring Choir Show: "There's No Business Like Show Business!" Students have been preparing since late March to produce a fully costumed and choreographed performance, featuring musical selections from Mamma Mia to The Addams Family Musical.

This is the only performance of the school year in which students both sing and dance, donned in '70s clothing and feather boas, instead of traditional gowns and suits. "The night is a Broadway showcase," said senior Madeline Chalk, "and I couldn't be more excited to end this year with a bang."

Choir Director Mac Lambert is enthusiastic for the show, even while supervising back-to-back practices during and after school. "This is the only occasion when I am not on stage conducting, allowing the performers to really connect with the audience," he remarked. He expressed his appreciation for the parents and volunteers who bring together the show behind the scenes.

The choral department—consisting of the Treble, Select Treble, Women's Chamber, Concert, Voicemale and Madrigal choirs—faced limited practice time after this year's snow day and testing schedules. Still, these artists rose to the challenge and are ready to "put on a good show," said Voicemale member Calvin Tang. "I'm also nostalgic for the Green Day pieces," he mentioned, "They used to be my favorite band."

The Langley Choir Department invites you and your family to enjoy the show at 7:30 p.m. on May 29 and 30. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 each from any member of the choir, or at the door. The duration of the show is expected to be (a dazzling) two hours. In the words of Newsies, come see why these students have "Something to Believe In!"



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Here's What's Happening at MCC

Midday Movie Musicals
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Friday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.-noon
Free admission

Old Firehouse Teen Center
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Friday, June 6, 7-10 p.m.
\$10/\$5 members

Applause Unlimited
"The Magic of Hans Christian Andersen"
Saturday, June 7, 2 p.m.
\$15/\$10 MCC district residents



Perspectives Speaker Series
Piper Kerman
Sunday, June 8, 2 p.m.
Free admission

Sunday Soirée Dance
Sunday, June 8, 3-5 p.m.
Admission: \$5

National Gallery of Art
Monday, June 9
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SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Herndon Centennial Golf Course Short Game Challenge. 8 a.m. 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. 703-471-5769. Visit www.herndon.golf.com for more.

WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 25-AUG. 20

Frying Pan Farm Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. Frying Pan Farm Park Amphitheater, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to

live entertainment in an informal kid-friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-437-9101.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

2nd Annual Tour de Tysons Bicycle Races. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Ten bicycle races, food trucks and vendors. The Tour de Tysons is a fun experience for the whole family — compete or simply enjoy. Visit www.tysonspartnership.com.

July

FRIDAY/JULY 4
Great Falls Fourth of July

Celebration. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Walk/run, parades, festivities, fun and food. Fireworks at Turner Farm Park on Saturday, July 6. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org for more.

Lorton's Fourth of July Parade. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Lorton's 4th annual Independence Day parade.

Mount Vernon's An American Celebration. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fireworks in patriotic colors fired over the Potomac River. The event also includes an

inspirational naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military reenactments, a special wreath-laying ceremony, free birthday cake for all and a visit from the "first" first couple, "General and Mrs. Washington." Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Herndon 4th of July Celebration. 6:30 p.m. Bready Park, Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Features games, arts and crafts, bingo, face painting, balloon artists, food, and fireworks. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration. 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games,

entertainment and fireworks. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration for more.

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 12

Obon Festival. 5:30-9 p.m. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org for more.
USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration. 7:30-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St., Alexandria. Enjoy a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, birthday cake, food and fireworks. The evening culminates in Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 19-20

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy dancing and singing with the fiddler, test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. Visit <http://1771.org> for more.

MONDAY/JULY 28

Herndon Centennial Junior Open. 8 a.m. Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Open to kids of all skill levels to come and enjoy the thrill of competition. Visit <http://herndon-va.gov> for more.

August

SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Bolivian Independence Day Children's Festival. 4:30 p.m. GMU, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A Bolivian Independence Day celebration complete with dance, music and singing. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Visit www.proboliviana.org for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

Wags 'N Whiskers. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Village at Shirlington, 2700 S Quincy Street, Arlington. Wags n' Whiskers is a community-oriented event for animal-loving shoppers. The event features 50+ onsite exhibitors ranging from pet services and accessories to onsite adoptions. In addition to the onsite exhibitors, Wags n' Whiskers hosts pet photos (\$5), live music, demonstrations and children's activities such as face painting, balloon art, and more. Visit villageatshirlington.com for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 24

27th Annual Pakistan Independence Day Festival USA. Noon at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. Visit www.pakistanfestivalusa.com for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

Lake Anne Jazz Festival. 1 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront), 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Showcasing a variety of talented jazz performers. Visit lakeanneplaza.com/event/8th-annual-jazz-blues-festival/30.

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